

Subject: November Quarterly Cheat Sheet, be prepared for your meeting

From: 4WD NSW and ACT INC <office@4wdnow.com>

Date: 10/12/2021 5:01 PM

To: <delegate.tam4wdclub@gmail.com>



Printable version of this Cheat Sheet



Improvements to the Zoom quality

There is nothing more frustration than not being able to hear properly, so we have purchased some new equipment to make the Zoom sound better.

We spent many hours putting together a set up that we hope is the solution to the problems we have been having. With so many people on Zoom and in the room it's a great opportunity to test it all out. We did decide that there is one more piece of the puzzle missing. That will be purchased before the next meeting. So, February should be the best meeting yet for Zoom and in person meetings.

Anthony Timmins



VP Lands Report

Onsite meetings with NP have been very quiet, because of the restriction of COVID we have been limited to phone calls and Zoom. Our MOU is now going into the review process. This is encouraging as at one stage we were not going to get it

renewed. It is a good result for us. It used to be us trying to get a foot in the door now it seems that parks are trying to drag us through it. We are seen as more than volunteer; this is very important.

Gardens of Stone - Newnes Plateau

We talked about changes to State Forests becoming National Parks and State Conservation Areas a few meetings ago. The Newnes Plateau is one of the parks we were talking about. There will be about 5 parks over the next 2 years. They are Jelore SF, Belanglo SF, Wingello SF and now Gardens of Stone, there is one more to come.

The eco park will be a State Conservation Area made up of Crown lands and State Forest. An iconic trail will be created. They are trying to entice travellers from Qld on the way to Vic to stop over in Lithgow. They are hoping to get about 200 000 visitors over a year. The plan is to make money out of the park by attracting tourism. We feature heavily in that plan. We have been invited to the table for the meeting on December 3rd. This is a positive for us. There will be changes. It is possible that some parts will be keyed access. Perhaps the Spanish Steps. We did know that the announcement was coming, we received a call to allow us to prepare our input on the project. We were asked to keep in quiet until the public announcement.

There are coal mines, and they will continue to operate while they have a lease. They will probably not be renewed. Parks will be contracting out ways to make money for commercial operators. A zip line is one of those ideas. There will be changes in the area, but so far it looks like they may be good for us. We will keep you informed.

Jelore is part of the koala corridor, they are finishing up there now, putting in car parks and signage. Belanglo has not been started yet. Wingello doesn't have many 4wd opportunities so it will probably continue as it is. The new parks out west will be slow getting started, no money has been allocated to either of these. This is an issue. This is uncharted water for all participants, it will not happen over night and what the end result will be is something we shall have to wait and see.

We have been working on this for over 6 years, this is the Bush Highways project. Specifically, the Lithgow Project. We used the grant to put signage all over the Newnes plateau to give directions to visitors, but it put our name all over the Newnes Plateau as well, this is the reason we are being invited to have our input on this project. It's nice to see our plans and hard work starting to pay off.

The guy doing circle work in Bendethera with his front number plate off but his rear one still attached has been found and is being looked at by the relevant authority. He

thought putting it on TikTok was clever thing to do. If you see things like this, please bring it to the attention of the committee. Guys like this are hurting us with access so we need to see it stopped. It can also be an opportunity for us. So please keep us informed.

Booking fees, are in a holding pattern at the moment. We don't think it will be removed. They may be an addition fee on top of this. Our opinion is that if there are no facilities there should not be any additional payment.

Compliance is a concern. If someone is in your campsite we recommend that you do not get confrontational. Escalate when you get out of the park. Do not put your self at risk. Parks have been made aware of the issue.

National Council

AGM has just been held. Financial reports have been presented. A small profit has been reported. A big turn around from the mess that the previous committee left it in. Everyone works well together. The Council is looking at training in the states. Insurance is also being looked at continually. The fraud case against previous treasurer, it is still moving forward. Charges should be laid, and this will impact on insurance. Discussion is happening with Vic to see if they are willing to come back to the council.

VP Lounge

A big thank you to the attendees of the VP lounge. Every couple of months a meeting is held. It's a pants off meeting, no minutes, no agenda, no outcomes. It's just a casual chat about working with Parks and Rangers. It's an opportunity for us to get feedback on what's happening in the clubs.

Trailer Grant

We have quotes and are getting ready to make a decision. Trying to do anything inside of a pandemic is problematic. We are working through it though and hope to have a new trailer in 2022.

Straps Up High

The project is being well supported. A big thank you to Wagga Wagga, Port Hunter, and Black Diamond clubs for their support. Noel Skimmings has found a supplier in the Hunter for us. We are booked in to go to the Taronga Zoo next week. Altina Park is getting a supply of straps right now.

Lee Dunstan



More about Newnes Plateau

There is a lot of cross over between Lee and me on this topic. There has been so much happening in the last 2 weeks. We knew the announcement was coming, which is quite rare, usually we get a call 15 minutes afterwards. To be giving a heads up 10 days before is amazing. This is a good sign for us.

The changes that are proposed in Newnes cannot happen under present legislation. The only way they can do what they are announcing is to make changes to that legislation.

They tabled a bill to do just that, however they also included some changes to the Ministers Advisor Council (MAC) and the Regional Advisory Committees (RACS). The changes were to reduce the number that sit on those committees and to include only qualified people and remove representatives of user groups. That change would have excluded us and others from the table. There was a lot of push back from the Council so luckily that part was dropped before it was tabled in parliament. There is room for improvement on these committees, we have been pushing for change. At these meetings they tell us what they have done, they don't ask for our advice. It's the ministers Advisory Council, so we expect to advise them on topics.

We are recommending that families do not camp in National Parks as there is no policy on enforcement on camping permits in Parks, which is a problem. There is a danger to families that turn up at a booked site to find others in their camp spot. It's late, the kids are tired, what do they do? They have to drive on and hopefully find somewhere else. Someone will get injured in a confrontation with these people. We are pushing parks for a policy on this.

There is a meeting set up specifically to cover camping. The reduction of camping spots has also been brought up. More on this after that meeting.

Gaylene, whom Lee works with, reports to Claire Allen, this is a bonus for us. Dave Crust seems very happy and confident about the way this is moving forward.

They have said that they had community input - they didn't. When pushed they offered 3 questions that they say have come from the community. The question were actually my 3 questions from the previous meeting. There was no community consultation and they got caught out badly.

It seems that our submission on Mt Airly is not over, currently the legislation dictates that National Parks cannot give responsibilities of a road to others. That legislation is now being changed.

The Lithgow project started 6 years ago. We got \$20 000 to spend on signage so when things went bad up there with national Parks we would have our foot in the door. Well guess what? it went bad and we have a seat at the table. Don't underestimate how important that project was 6 years ago.

If you have ideas of what you think should happen on the Newnes Plateau please email lithgowproject@4wdnow.com

It can be as wild as you like, send us what you think. You are the Association! you get to drive this, so tell us what you want.

Craig Thomas.



Treasurers Report

Please see website for these reports

[FINANCIAL REPORT June 2021](#)

[FINANCIAL REPORT November 2021](#)

Tony Ellery



Communications Report

Club 4x4, an agreement has been reached, we did have some issues with the details which had some insurance cost implications for us. We took some things out and put some things in so that now AON is much happier and there will be no extra cost of insurance to cover this agreement with Club 4x4. The link will be on the website before Christmas in the members only section. You will need to access Club 4x4 via this secure portal to verify that you are a member of 4WD NSW and ACT

which entitles you to the discount.

Adventure Show & Shine April 10th 2022 Seven Hills. More details to follow.

Benefits Website, On the benefits website you will find details about **health fund discounts** in case you missed the announcement. Also on that website are **Chaffing dishes** that were recently purchase for the Adventure Show thank you day, Coco and any other events where proper food handling s required. They are listed on the website for "hire" and all you need to do is book in with me and if they are available you can use them for your club events. They are free to use. They are not an expensive item, less than \$130 for 3 with utensils. It's just one of those things that clubs may prefer to borrow rather than store. **First Aid Kits** are also available on the benefits website, if you want something in the Survival range that is not on the website please let me know. I can get what you want, but I may need to gang it up with other orders to avoid the freight charge.

COCO 22 - June long weekend 2022

The town of Crookwell is very welcoming and are keen for us to have our event there. The showground is beautiful, they have had lots of rain so the camp sites are lush and green. There are plenty of powered sites, hot showers and the 2 big halls connected by a commercial kitchen. There are onsite heaters in the halls. Tickets will be available in February. I will put some info up about Crookwell soon so you can have a look and see what the area has to offer.

THE BOX is ready for pick up delivery, please email me, the 2022 stickers are in the box so you will need to get them soon. Thank you to John Beard, from the Sturt 4WD Club, John helps me every year cut up the stickers and also to pack the boxes. It's a big job and I couldn't do it without him. John is very much appreciated by myself and my team at Clever.

Meeting Locations 2022, The locations are on the front page of the website, so check that out anytime for when and where.

Quarterly **February 19th 2022** - Black Gold Motel. 121 Main Street, Wallerawang. 9am start. Lunch provided.

Quarterly **May 21st 2022** - Wagga Wagga NSW

Quarterly **August 20th 2022** - Beresfield NSW

Quarterly & AGM **November 19th** - Liverpool Catholic Club. 424 Hoxton Park Rd, Prestons.

Services NSW grant, we have started to claim back money. So far \$309 for the

Hunter trailer rego, we will also claim for the Sydney trailer and perhaps the new one if it's ready in time. The grant ends June 30th 2022

The new email address lithgowproject@4wdnow.com will be on the Facebook pages and on the website from Monday.

Lucky Door Prize was won by Robert Matysiak.

Maggie Thomas



Driver Trainer Unit

Covid has had a big impact on the DTU. Most things had to be cancelled or postponed. The DTU guys are adding dates to help clear the backlog. We have a very strong Hunter Region DTU, we are working on the Sydney Region to get them up to speed ASAP. The DAF skills workshop in the Coffs Harbour 12th, 13th February, 2022 is based at the Darlington Beach Caravan Park and then in the local State Forest, You can book in for this via the website. Once booked in you will get more info on how to book the caravan park. There are spots reserved for us so please wait to get the info from the DTU before you book. NRMA will give discounts for booking at this park. Two advanced courses have been run recently that went well. Getabout have allowed us to increase the numbers in a course to help clear the backlog.

Dayne Shollenberger



ACMC and AAAA

There have been some big changes in Transport for NSW, they got rid of some bullies in the department and this has allowed others to step up and do their jobs

without conflict and fear. There are some really good people there that have been really helpful to us.

The suspension manual is now on the agenda for review so that is the next one I will be working on. We would like to see cause and effect in this document.

We would like it to say, if you raise your car 2 inches, does it affect other things, like are your mud flaps for that 300mm of the ground? This gives you the information that you need so you can look for the relevant document to keep your vehicle legal.

Conditional Vehicle Scheme (CVS) is a great scheme and it will bring in new members for our clubs. People that have 30 year old vehicles are usually car enthusiasts. If people approach your club for membership they are looking for a club to join, most will be active valuable members. Some clubs have set a requirement of 2 years membership to stop people joining just for the cheap rego. I think this is the wrong way to look at it. We are all car enthusiasts, we all looked to join a club for our own reasons. There is no down side to a CVS member, they pay and if they are not active then there is no cost for them. Give them the opportunity to see how a club works and become a valuable member. Also consider that if a member has a 4WD and they purchase another car that is not a 4wd drive, you should allow them to do their CVS rego through your club. The reasoning is that if you don't, they will go to another club and that means they have to divide their time between two clubs. You may lose a member because of this.

GVM and GCM is ongoing, its stalled and we are unsure why. There will be a meeting late January or February.

Craig Thomas



4WD Adventure Show

2022 will be a big year, the show will be long awaited. There was going to be a 1 day twilight show in March, and that was announced at this meeting but we have since been advised that it will not run.

More details about the September show will come next year. Clubs can book in for the show via the website.

Volunteers will be required so please book in for that.

Brian Bird

Review Compliance and Governance Panel

Report on the progress of the office position. We are a subcommittee and report to the Executive committee and also the members at Quarterly meetings.

We meet monthly. If you wish to contact this committee the email address is on the website rcgp@4wdnow.com

members of this committee are

- Barry Caudle, Kevin Phillips, David Wellham - delegate members
- Rollanda Rosenstrauss, Shane McClymont (replaced Lee Dunstan)
- Maggie Thomas ex officio member

Insurances must be in place from Clever, Workers Comp and Business Insurance including Public Liability.

Clockify is a free software that uses Excel to present reports, it does graphs and pie charts.

Letter of offer will stay in place until June 30th next year. Payments are made through the treasurer and this is monitored and reported.

The tender and the service agreement are much bigger than we expected. We don't believe that we are able to meet the deadline for motion 4.

Once written it has to go through the exec committee and then the solicitor for review.

We have had 3 meetings so far in 3 months. A meeting in December and then in February.

Barry Caudle, Chair

FROM THE FLOOR: Comment was made about the pressure this puts on the office and how much time it takes to complete the Clockify spreadsheet. The software is very good but it is time consuming. Additionally every second of everyday is accounted for which causes difficulty with work flow within the workplace. It is necessary and it has to be done but it does take a lot of time to complete adding considerable stress to Maggie. Craig answered that as a business owner he understood that it was necessary and he hoped it would be short term. As a husband he said the sooner it is over the better.

Another comment was that accounting for every second is ridiculous. All agreed that it should be short term. There must be an element of trust involved.

A comment about extra allowance for the time that this is all taking was put in the too hard basket by Craig for consideration later by someone else.

All agreed that in order to create the tender document it must happen this way.

From Maggie: The issue with this software is that it takes so much time for small tasks. If I spend a minute replying to an email it then takes me another minute to report it. For every 60 quick little things I do I lose up to an hour of time. If I get interrupted mid task then I have to fix the errors in time keeping before I can move onto or go back to the task at hand. I am a busy person and achieve a lot in the day. This is in part because I am often doing more than one thing at the same time. Trying to keep a clock on this is difficult and can be quite stressful. I can adjust the way I work which is less stressful but it also means I don't achieve as much. I agree it has to be monitored but it must be short term.

Region Reports

Central West, no real report other than it is very wet.

Greater Sydney, nothing really happening. We have changed to zoom only meetings for some meetings and zoom/face to face for others. The meetings after the quarterlies are Zoom only. Watch for emails from Darren about meetings and if they are zoom only or combo meetings.

Hunter, meetings are primarily by Zoom, we are looking for a club to host the Camp Quality event in May 2022. We are putting together a list of tracks that are accessible by permit. If you know of any please let Brock know. Next year the regional Advisory committees will become vacant. Please consider this as an opportunity in these areas. We are working on Clean Up Australia Day for March. We are trying to continue our meetings with Parks across the Hunter, Central Coast. The VIP system only informs registered members about opportunities, we are trying to get advanced warning so we have time to inform our members.

They are baiting for foxes in Barrington. Bennetts Beach has reopened. The Barrington Trail has reopened.

Southern, nothing really happening in the area.

Southern Ranges, it's been a bit quiet because of Covid, we expect to get the region up and running in early 2022. A key ranger for Parks has gone on maternity leave so this has caused things to slow/stop. The Straps Up High project has begun in this region, check out the website for the story.

Northern, no report

Queensland, we are having a face to face meeting in march 2022, the tickets were purchase 18 months ago, we just need to be able to use them. The region is growing and coming together quite nicely.





A Big Thank You

It has been a real pleasure to be President of this Association, when I look backwards 10 years at what happened and compare where we are today, there has been a massive change. What I said earlier about the financial report being so quick, that's not a joke, 10 years ago it took 2 hours to get through. There was no trust between the association and the members, and rightly so, you had every reason to be angry. Little things that happen now, like the discussion about the office and Maggie, you guys saying that you trust her to get on with the job, that's huge, I really appreciate it and it doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you. I do appreciate it.

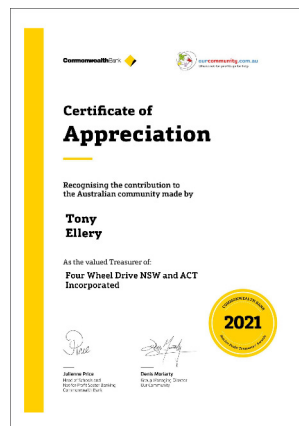
Top treasurers awarded for hard work and financial wizardry



Tony deserves an award for his efforts over the last 10 years. He became treasurer after the 2010 show. It was a difficult period in our history and taking on this role was a brave thing to do.

The good will that members feel for the Association today is in part because of Tony. For those of you that don't know, Tony Ellery is a Commonwealth Bank Manager.

All jokes aside, Tony does a fantastic job and we appreciate all that he does.



The AGM was held, run by David Wellham. Minutes accepted, Financial report accepted. Nominations accepted. The committee for 2022 is the same as last year.



Congratulations to all!

This newsletter is written by me from my own notes taken at the Quarterly Meeting and the Official Minutes. If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me. The Cheat Sheet is quarterly (about a week after the meeting). It is not intended to replace the delegates report, nor replace the delegate at the meeting, it is only intended to help those that see it as beneficial and for clubs who do not have a delegate at all meetings because of location and distance. You will need to read the minutes in conjunction with this newsletter and remember that the minutes are the true facts of the meeting and will always be the legal version.

- Maggie Thomas.

Copyright © 2021 Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT inc, All rights reserved.

You have received this email as you are a DELEGATE to Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Inc

Our mailing address is:

Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT inc

PO Box 835

Seven Hills, NSW 1730

Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

